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E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: EAGR, PN

SUBJECT: MEAT INSPECTION

JOINT USDA/ STATE MESSAGE

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM
DR. FRED J. FULLERTON, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, FIELD OPERATIONS,
MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION, APHIS, TO MOST SENIOR MEAT
INSPECTION OFFICIAL.

2. MESSAGE DR. S. P. WEATHERSBY' S REVIEW OF MEAT EST. 1- R,
EMPACADOR NEPTUNO, PANAMA CITY, SHOWED THAT IT DID NOT MEET
STANDARDS FOR U. S. EXPORTS. CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS IN CONSTRUCTION,
FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT THAT WERE MADE A CONDITION OF THE
PLANT' S RECERTIFICATION IN AUGUST, 1972, HAVE NOT BEEN
COMPLETED, NAMELY, WELFARE ROOM AND EQUIPMENT WASH ROOM AND
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OTHER UNFINISHED AREAS. SOME ADDITIONAL ITEMS THAT WERE NOT CORRECTED WERE: ELIMINATION OF CONDENSATION IN COOLER, PROVISION OF AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF HOT WATER FOR CLEANING, REPLACEMENT OF NUMEROUS ITEMS OF RUSTY EQUIPMENT AND SEPARATION OF LIVING ACCOMMODATIONS FROM THE OPERATIONAL AREA.

ACCORDINGLY, APHIS REQUESTS THAT EST. 1- R, EMPACADORA NEPTUNO, BE REMOVED FROM THE U. S. EXPORT LIST EFFECTIVE MARCH 2, 1973, THE DATE OF REVIEW. PRODUCT PRODUCED AFTER THAT DATE WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR IMPORTATION INTO THE UNITED STATES.

TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDING ENCOUNTERED IN THE PAST CONCERNING MAINTENANCE OF U. S. STANDARDS IN THIS PANAMANIAN MEAT ESTABLISHMENT, THE FOLLOWING RECERTIFICATION PROCEDURE WILL BE USED BY USDA. WHEN THE DEFICIENCIES ARE CORRECTED, AN APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA MAY RECERTIFY THE PLANT, WITH THE PROVISIO THAT REINSTATEMENT OF THE PLANT WILL NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE UNTIL A USDA VETERINARIAN HAS VISITED THE PLANT AND HIS FINDINGS HAVE BEEN FAVORABLY EVALUATED BY APHIS AUTHORITIES IN WASHINGTON, WHO, IN TURN, WILL COMMUNICATE THEIR APPROVAL TO THE GOP.

YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER IS APPRECIATED.

3. PLEASE CABLE APHIS WHEN MESSAGE DELIVERED. ROGERS

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